THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) the recent visit to Israel, France and the United Kingdom was undertaken with the primary objective of discussing the problem of international terrorism and exploring the possibility of bilateral co-operation in fighting the menace.

In Israel the delegation interacted with President Ezer Weizman, Prime Minister Ehud Barak, Minister for Regional Co-operation Shimon Peres, Deputy Minister of Defence Ephriam Sneh, and the Police and Security agencies. The visit has opened up the possibility of increased technological, technical and intelligence co-operation between India and Israel. The two sides have agreed to work for early establishment of a Joint Working Group between the two countries.

In France the delegation met the Minister of Interior, Mr. Jean-Pierre Chevenement. As a result of this meeting. France has agreed to support India's draft UN Resolution against sponsorship of international terrorism.

In the United Kingdom, the delegation held meetings with Mr. Jack Straw, Secretary of State for Home Affairs and Mr. Robin Cook, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs. In these meetings, India's concern over cross border terrorism was discussed in detail. It was agreed that there was an urgent need to build up world opinion against terrorism.

Reduction in monetory assistance to the police of terrorism affected States

† 356. PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have curtailed the amount of assistance to be given to the police of terrorism affected States;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and in what manner the State police will face the terrorists equipped with modern and powerful weapons; and

(c) what would be fate of terrorism in States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) In order to strengthen State Police Forces and equip them to counter terrorism more effectively, Central Government has provided considerable financial support for modernising them.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Funds are provided under the Scheme of Modernisation of State Police Forces for purchase of modern Weapons, Communications, other equipment and training etc. In additions, reimbursement of security related expenditure to the States badly affected by terrorism/extremism is also being done.

Recommendations of Police Reforms Committee

357. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received recommendations of the Police Reforms Committee headed by the former Home Secretary suggesting extensive changes in the Indian Penal Code and Code of Criminal Procedure;

(b) if so, the details therefor and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the follow-up steps taken/proposed to be taken to give effect to the proposed changes in the IPC and Cr. P.C.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) No Sir. The Committee has not yet submitted its report.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Identity Cards to People Living Along J&K Border

358. SHRI ABANI ROY:
SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to issue identity cards to all people living within 5 Kms. of the Line of Control and fence 198 Kms. of the International border in J&K;

(b) if so, whether in order to prevent infiltration from across the border in J&K Government have taken any new measures also;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) to what extent the existing measures are sufficient to check infiltration across the border?